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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

> Washington, DC, December 31, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, on this, the last day of the year, we look back and give You thanks for Your many blessings given to us, to our loved ones, and to our entire Nation. Indeed, we have been richly blessed.

We are also aware of what has not yet been accomplished, and so what needs to be done. As we go forward into a new year, we do so with hope. We know that You are with us. We pray that Your holy spirit would especially hallow this Chamber.

May this place be, today and always, a place of enlightenment and those here always intent on doing Your will.

We make this prayer in Your holy name.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 1180, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore Messer on Thursday, December 27, 2018:

H.R. 672, to require continued and enhanced annual reporting to Congress in the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom on anti-Semitic incidents in Europe, the safety and security of European Jewish communities, and the efforts of the United States to partner with European governments, the European Union, and civil society groups, to combat anti-Semitism, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4689, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska;

H.R. 5636, to designate additions to the Flatside Wilderness on the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes:

H.R. 6602, to reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, and for other purposes;

H.R. 7279, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for an integrated planning process, to promote green infrastructure, and for other purposes;

H.R. 7318, to amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to ensure that the Public Buildings Reform Board has adequate time to carry

out the responsibilities of the Board, and for other purposes;

H.R. 7319, to amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to provide flexibility with respect to the leaseback of certain Federal real property, and for other purposes;

S. 512, to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy;

S. 1023, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2021, and for other purposes:

S. 1158, to help prevent acts of genocide and other atrocity crimes, which threaten national and international security, by enhancing United States Government capacities to prevent, mitigate, and respond to such crises;

S. 1580, to enhance the transparency, improve the coordination, and intensify the impact of assistance to support access to primary and secondary education for displaced children and persons, including women and girls, and for other purposes;

S. 1862, to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to modify the criteria for determining whether countries are meeting the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking, and for other purposes;

S. 3247, to improve programs and activities relating to women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment that are carried out by the United States Agency for International Development, and for other purposes;

S. 3456, to redesignate Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge as the Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes;

S. 3661, to provide for a program of the Department of Defense to commemorate the 75th anniversary of World War II.

 $\square$  This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g.,  $\square$  1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLU-TION APPROVED BY THE PRESI-DENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

October 9, 2018:

H.R. 46. An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York.

H.R. 2259. An Act to amend the Peace Corps Act to expand services and benefits for volunteers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4854. An Act to amend the DNA Analvsis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide additional resources to State and local prosecutors, and for other purposes.

H.R 4958. An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2018, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other pur-

October 11, 2018:

H.R. 1551. An Act to modernize copyright law, and for other purposes.

October 16, 2018:

H.R. 4921. An Act to require the Surface Transportation Board to implement certain recommendations of the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation.

October 24, 2018:

H.R. 6. An Act to provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment, and for other purposes.

October 31, 2018:

H.R. 6758. An Act to direct the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in consultation with the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, to study and provide recommendations to promote the participation of women, minorities, and veterans in entrepreneurship activities and the patent system, to extend by 8 years the Patent and Trademark Office's authority to set the amounts for the fees it charges, and for other

H.R. 6896. An Act to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

November 3, 2018:

H.R 1037. An Act to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3834. An Act to provide that members of public safety agencies who died of 9/11-related health conditions are eligible for the Presidential 9/11 Heroes Medal of Valor, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6870. An Act to rename the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012 in honor of Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter.

November 16, 2018:

H.R. 3359. An Act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security. and for other purposes.

November 20, 2018:

H.R. 2615. An Act to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes.

December 1, 2018:

H.R 7187. An Act to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until December 7, December 6, 2018:

H.R. 606. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1025 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, California, as the "Harold D. McCraw, Sr., Post Office Building"

H.R. 1209. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 901 N. Francisco Avenue, Mission, Texas, as the "Mission Veterans Post Office Build-

H.R. 2979. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 390 West 5th Street in San Bernardino, California, as the "Jack H. Brown Post Office Building".

H.R. 3230. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 915 Center Avenue in Payette, Idaho, as the "Harmon Killebrew Post Office Building'

H.R. 4890. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9801 Apollo Drive in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, as the "Wayne K. Curry Post Office Building"

H.R. 4913. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 816 East Salisbury Parkway in Salisbury, Maryland, as the "Sgt. Maj. Wardell B. Turner Post Office Building"

H.R. 4946. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the "Specialist Trevor A. Win'E Post Office"

H.R. 4960. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 East Walnut Street in Columbia, Missouri, as the "Spc. Sterling William Wyatt Post Office Building".

H.R. 5349. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1325 Autumn Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Judge Russell B. Sugarmon Post Office Building"

H.R. 5504. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4801 West Van Giesen Street in West Richland, Washington, as the "Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman Post Office Building"

H.R. 5737. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West D Street in Alpha, Illinois, as the "Captain Joshua E. Steele Post Office"

H.R. 5784. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 North Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, shall be known and designated as the "Vel R. Phillips Post Office Building".

H.R. 5868. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 530 Claremont Avenue in Ashland, Ohio, as the "Bill Harris Post Office"

H.R. 5935. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1355 North Meridian Road in Harristown, Illinois, as the "Logan S. Palmer Post Of-

H.R. 6116. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 362 North Ross Street in Beaverton, Michigan, as the "Colonel Alfred Asch Post Office".

December 7, 2018:

H.J. Res. 143. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

December 11, 2018:

H.R. 390. An Act to provide relief for victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes who are members of religious and ethnic minority groups in Iraq and Syria, for accountability for perpetrators of these crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1074. An Act to repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State

of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation"

H.R. 2422. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve essential oral health care for low-income and other underserved individuals by breaking down barriers to care, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4254. An Act to amend the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to strengthen the aerospace workforce pipeline by the promotion of Robert Novce Teacher Scholarship Program and National Aeronautics and Space Administration internship and fellowship opportunities to women, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5317. An Act to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands.

H.R. 6651. An Act to extend certain authorities relating to United States efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria globally, and for other purposes.

December 13, 2018:

H.R. 754. An Act to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his heroic achievements and courageous contributions to peace in the Middle

H.R. 1207. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 River Street in Tilden, Texas, as the "Tilden Veterans Post Office"

December 14, 2018:

H.R. 3946. An Act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Statesboro, Georgia, the Ray Hendrix Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic.

H.R. 4407. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3s101 Rockwell Street in Warrenville, Illinois, as the "Corporal Jeffrey Allen Williams Post Office Building".

H.R. 5238. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1234 Saint Johns Place in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Major Robert Odell Owens Post Office".

December 17, 2018:

H.R. 315. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services.

H.R. 1417. An Act to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to allow the Museum to acquire, receive, possess, collect, ship, transport, import, and display firearms, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1861. An Act to award a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of Lawrence Eugene "Larry" Doby in recognition of his achievements and contributions to American major league athletics, civil rights, and the Armed Forces during World War II.

H.R. 3398. An Act to amend the Real ID Act of 2005 to permit Freely Associated States to meet identification requirements under such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6330. An Act to amend the Small Business Act to modify the method for prescribing size standards for business concerns.

December 19, 2018: H.R. 1872. An Act to promote access for United States diplomats and other officials. journalists, and other citizens to Tibetan areas of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2454. An Act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a data framework to provide access for appropriate personnel to law enforcement and other information of the Department, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3996. An Act to amend title 28, United States Code, to permit other courts to transfer certain cases to United States Tax Court.